



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Leavenworth, KS*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Leavenworth was selected to receive an assessment grant. Situated along the Missouri River in northeastern Kansas, Leavenworth (population 35,400) was the state's first incorporated city. The city's downtown commercial and warehouse districts bear a number of large, historic structures that were abandoned and neglected following the decline of the city's industry. The grant will help the city assess the warehouses in the Industrial Warehouse Historic District, which was successfully nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. The city hopes to redevelop a former warehouse site into a 187,000-square foot mixed-use complex, complete with apartments, retail shops, offices, and a hotel. The historic warehouse area is located in the city's lowest



### Assessment Grant

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*\$100,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected the City of Leavenworth for a brownfields assessment grant. The city intends to use grant funds to perform an environmental site assessment of hazardous substances at a former warehouse site in the Industrial Warehouse Historic District. The assessment will clear the way for development of a large mixed-use complex that will create jobs, greatly improve the local economy, and save an historic structure from ruin.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Leavenworth has not previously received funding for brownfields grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

income neighborhood with the highest percentage of poverty, unemployment, and minority concentration. The city hopes that the redevelopment project will create jobs, greatly improve the local economy, and save an historic structure from ruin.